On January 30, 2011 the U.S. Department of State issued a <u>travel warning</u> recommending that U.S. citizens avoid travel to Egypt due to ongoing political and social unrest. U.S. citizens are strongly encouraged to register their presence in Egypt with the State Department STEP

program, which may be done online or directly with the Embassy in Cairo.

The U.S. Embassy in Cairo has begun providing transportation for U.S. citizens to safe haven locations in Europe as of Monday, January 31, 2011. All U.S. citizen travelers and their spouses and children are required to have valid travel documents. Those interested in departing Egypt via USG-chartered transportation should contact the State Department and Embassy in Cairo at EgyptEmergencyUSC@state.gov or 1-888-407-4747 (inside the U.S.) or 1-202-501-4444 (outside the U.S.).

The Department of State will continue to facilitate the evacuation of U.S. citizens who require assistance. Cairo airport is open and operating, and public transport, including taxis, is still available to the airport. Flights and transport to the airport may be disrupted due to the protests. Additional questions may be addressed by the information sheet provided by the State Department or to the emergency contact information provided above.

U.S. citizens in Cairo are advised to obey the curfew from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 a.m. and remain in indoors during that time. In the event of demonstrations, U.S. citizens should remain in their residences until the situation stabilizes and not attempt to come to the U.S. Embassy or Tahrir Square during these times.

For more information, please contact Congressman Larson's Office at 860-278-8888.